Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2009

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended September 19, 2009, there were 521,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during September 2009, an increase of 400 from August 2009 but 700 less than the number employed in September 2008.

Agricultural employment was 46,200 persons in September 2009, up 1,700 from the August 2009 level but 1,000 less than the September 2008 agricultural employment level of 47,200. Non-agricultural employment was 475,600 persons in September 2009. This is a decrease of 1,300 from the August 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 476,900 but 300 more than September 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2009 was 4.0 percent. This is a decrease of 2.1 percentage points from the August 2009 rate of 6.1 percent but 0.4 percentage points higher than the September 2008 level of 3.6 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 11,600 to 543,500 persons in September 2009 from 555,100 persons in August 2009. This is 1,400 more than the September 2008 labour force of 542,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.6 percentage points to 69.5 percent in September 2009 from 71.1 percent in August 2009. The September 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.3 percent.

There were 21,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2009. This is a decrease of 12,000 from August 2009 but is 2,100 more than the number unemployed in September 2008.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 519,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2009, up 2,100 from the August 2009 level of 516,900 but is down 500 from the September 2008 employment level of 519,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2009 was 4.6 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the August 2009 rate of 5.0 percent but 0.6 percentage points higher than the September 2008 rate of 4.0 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 179,100 persons in September 2009 to 16,901,300 persons from 17,080,400 persons in August 2009. In September 2008, there were 17,230,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.4 percentage points to 7.6 percent from the August 2009 level of 9.0 percent. In September 2008, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.4 percent in September 2009. This is 0.3 percentage points lower than August 2009 but 2.2 percentage points higher than the September 2008 level of 6.2 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	September 2009	August 2009	September 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,297.1	18,779.1	18,276.1	-482.0	21.0
Employed ('000)	16,901.3	17,080.4	17,230.2	-179.1	-328.9
Full-Time ('000)	13,726.8	14,199.7	14,047.1	-472.9	-320.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,174.5	2,880.7	3,183.1	293.8	-8.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,395.8	1,698.8	1,045.9	-303.0	349.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	9.0	5.7	-1.4	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.4	8.7	6.2	-0.3	2.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	68.6	67.7	-1.8	-0.9
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	543.5	555.1	542.1	-11.6	1.4
Employed ('000)	521.8	521.4	522.5	0.4	-0.7
Full-Time ('000)	426.7	436.8	430.4	-10.1	-3.7
Part-Time ('000)	95.1	84.6	92.1	10.5	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	21.7	33.7	19.6	-12.0	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	6.1	3.6	-2.1	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.6	5.0	4.0	-0.4	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	71.1	70.3	-1.6	-0.8
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Labour Force ('000)	2,119.1	2,166.6	2,096.8	-47.5	22.3
Employed ('000)	1,981.1	2,000.4	2,020.2	-19.3	-39.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,633.1	1,683.1	1,685.9	-50.0	-52.8
Part-Time ('000)	347.9	317.2	334.3	30.7	13.6
Unemployed ('000)	138.0	166.2	76.6	-28.2	61.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	7.7	3.7	-1.2	2.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.4	3.8	-0.3	3.3
Participation Rate (%)	73.5	75.3	74.7	-1.8	-1.2
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	639.9	662.7	634.0	-22.8	5.9
Employed ('000)	609.0	618.8	607.0	-9.8	2.0
Full-Time ('000)	490.3	513.3	490.4	-23.0	-0.1
Part-Time ('000)	118.7	105.5	116.7	13.2	2.0
Unemployed ('000)	30.9	44.0	27.0	-13.1	3.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	6.6	4.3	-1.8	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.7	4.5	-0.4	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	71.6	69.5	-2.5	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2009	August 2009	September 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	543.5	555.1	542.1	-11.6	1.4
Male	290.4	298.8	291.3	-8.4	-0.9
Female	253.1	256.2	250.7	-3.1	2.4
15-24 Years of Age	93.2	107.5	98.5	-14.3	-5.3
25+ Years of age	450.3	447.6	443.6	2.7	6.7
EMPLOYED ('000)	521.8	521.4	522.5	0.4	-0.7
Male	279.3	283.7	280.7	-4.4	-1.4
Female	242.5	237.7	241.8	4.8	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	85.3	98.9	91.3	-13.6	-6.0
25+ Years of age	436.5	422.5	431.2	14.0	5.3
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	21.7	33.7	19.6	-12.0	2.1
Male	11.1	15.1	10.7	-4.0	0.4
Female	10.6	18.6	8.9	-8.0	1.7
15-24 Years of Age	7.9	8.6	7.2	-0.7	0.7
25+ Years of age	13.8	25.1	12.4	-11.3	1.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.0	6.1	3.6	-2.1	0.4
Male	3.8	5.1	3.7	-1.3	0.1
Female	4.2	7.3	3.6	-3.1	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	8.5	8.0	7.3	0.5	1.2
25+ Years of age	3.1	5.6	2.8	-2.5	0.3
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.5	71.1	70.3	-1.6	-0.8
Male	75.3	77.6	76.7	-2.3	-1.4
Female	63.8	64.7	64.2	-0.9	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	67.1	77.3	70.6	-10.2	-3.5
25+ Years of age	70.0	69.7	70.3	0.3	-0.3

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	September 2009	August 2009	September 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	46.2	44.5	47.2	1.7	-1.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.8	23.6	25.7	1.2	-0.9
Utilities	4.5	4.7	5.8	-0.2	-1.3
Construction	41.2	44.5	40.5	-3.3	0.7
Manufacturing	27.4	27.2	33.0	0.2	-5.6
Trade	79.6	80.4	82.4	-0.8	-2.8
Transportation and Warehousing	26.0	26.8	21.7	-0.8	4.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.9	28.2	27.4	-0.3	0.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.1	21.2	21.8	-0.1	-0.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.3	13.0	11.7	0.3	1.6
Educational Services	41.0	27.4	40.4	13.6	0.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	66.5	69.6	66.1	-3.1	0.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.2	20.9	18.0	-1.7	1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	28.7	31.4	30.1	-2.7	-1.4
Other Services	24.1	25.2	21.8	-1.1	2.3
Public Administration	30.2	32.7	29.0	-2.5	1.2
Total	521.8	521.4	522.5	0.4	-0.7
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	426.7	436.8	430.4	-10.1	-3.7
Part-Time	95.1	84.6	92.1	10.5	3.0
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	422.6	424.2	424.6	-1.6	-2.0
Public Sector	132.4	127.2	129.5	5.2	2.9
Private Sector	290.2	297.1	295.1	-6.9	-4.9
Self-Employed	99.2	97.2	97.9	2.0	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2009	August 2009	September 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,901.3	17,080.4	17,230.2	-179.1	-328.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.3	229.4	224.1	-5.1	0.2
Prince Edward Island	72.3	74.6	73.0	-2.3	-0.7
Nova Scotia	453.6	462.7	458.4	-9.1	-4.8
New Brunswick	374.2	380.3	372.8	-6.1	1.4
Quebec	3,858.1	3,904.3	3,917.5	-46.2	-59.4
Ontario	6,534.5	6,605.6	6,718.9	-71.1	-184.4
Manitoba	609.0	618.8	607.0	-9.8	2.0
Saskatchewan	521.8	521.4	522.5	0.4	-0.7
Alberta	1,981.1	2,000.4	2,020.2	-19.3	-39.1
British Columbia	2,272.5	2,282.9	2,315.9	-10.4	-43.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.6	9.0	5.7	-1.4	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.7	14.3	11.4	-1.6	1.3
Prince Edward Island	9.1	10.3	9.0	-1.2	0.1
Nova Scotia	8.9	9.1	7.2	-0.2	1.7
New Brunswick	6.6	9.2	6.9	-2.6	-0.3
Quebec	7.7	8.9	6.6	-1.2	1.1
Ontario	8.4	10.0	6.1	-1.6	2.3
Manitoba	4.8	6.6	4.3	-1.8	0.5
Saskatchewan	4.0	6.1	3.6	-2.1	0.4
Alberta	6.5	7.7	3.7	-1.2	2.8
British Columbia	6.9	8.3	4.5	-1.4	2.4

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jul-Sep 2009	Jun-Aug 2009	Jul-Sep 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.6	8.5	7.9	0.1	0.7
Halifax	7.2	6.9	5.7	0.3	1.5
Saint John	5.9	5.7	6.6	0.2	-0.7
Quebec	5.2	4.7	3.9	0.5	1.3
Montreal	9.4	9.4	7.4	0.0	2.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.7	5.8	5.4	-0.1	0.3
Greater Sudbury	10.5	10.5	5.6	0.0	4.9
Toronto	10.4	10.9	7.5	-0.5	2.9
Winnipeg	6.1	6.0	4.8	0.1	1.3
Regina	5.5	4.7	4.1	0.8	1.4
Saskatoon	4.9	5.0	4.7	-0.1	0.2
Calgary	7.1	7.2	3.9	-0.1	3.2
Edmonton	7.8	7.6	3.7	0.2	4.1
Vancouver	7.3	7.5	4.6	-0.2	2.7
Victoria	6.6	6.1	3.7	0.5	2.9
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	156.3	158.5	156.4	-2.2	-0.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.3	54.8	54.5	-0.5	-0.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	175.5	176.7	169.8	-1.2	5.7
Yorkton-Melville	41.0	40.4	40.5	0.6	0.5
Prince Albert & Northern	96.0	97.3	97.8	-1.3	-1.8

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jul-Sep 2009	Jun-Aug 2009	Jul-Sep 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	549.6	554.4	542.6	-4.8	7.0
Employed ('000)	521.0	525.7	517.1	-4.7	3.9
Unemployed ('000)	28.6	28.6	25.5	0.0	3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.2	4.7	0.0	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	71.1	70.5	-0.7	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	67.4	67.2	-0.7	-0.5
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	509.8	513.5	502.0	-3.7	7.8
Employed ('000)	487.2	491.2	481.5	-4.0	5.7
Unemployed ('000)	22.6	22.4	20.4	0.2	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	71.6	70.9	-0.6	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.8	68.5	68.0	-0.7	-0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	39.8	40.8	40.6	-1.0	-0.8
Employed ('000)	33.8	34.6	35.5	-0.8	-1.7
Unemployed ('000)	6.0	6.3	5.1	-0.3	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.1	15.3	12.6	-0.2	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	63.3	65.1	66.2	-1.8	-2.9
Employment Rate (%)	53.7	55.1	57.9	-1.4	-4.2
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	15.9	16.6	17.2	-0.7	-1.3
Employed ('000)	12.3	13.0	14.1	-0.7	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	3.6	3.2	0.0	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	22.5	21.7	18.3	0.8	4.2
Participation Rate (%)	56.1	58.8	62.1	-2.7	-6.0
Employment Rate (%)	43.5	46.1	50.7	-2.6	-7.2
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Labour Force ('000)	23.9	24.2	23.1	-0.3	0.8
Employed ('000)	21.4	21.5	21.2	-0.1	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.7	1.9	-0.3	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	11.0	8.4	-0.8	1.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	70.3	69.6	-1.1	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	62.2	62.6	60.5	-0.4	1.7

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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